

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 21st February 2010

Silent Key

We are sorry to tell you of the sudden death on 13 February of Pat Kane EI9GE of Bray Co. Wicklow.

Pat was a great CW man and a keen observer of propagation particularly on 10 metres. His funeral took place on Wednesday last.

To his wife Nora, his daughter Karen, his sons Andrew and Aaron and to his extended family we extend our sincerest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

IRTS 78th AGM

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society shall be hosting the 78th Irish Radio Transmitters Society A.G.M over the weekend of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th April 2010.

The venue for the event is the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk Co.Louth, a number of rooms have been reserved for anyone staying overnight, however it is advisable to book a room early.

The Annual IRTS Meal will commence on Saturday 24th April 2010 at 8.30pm. The Radio Rally will commence on Sunday 25th April 2010 at 11.00am, followed by the IRTS AGM at 2.00pm.

Further details for booking trader's tables or any other info please e-mail the following Thos EI2JD at email address chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX at email address secretary /at/ ei7dar.com

Nomination of Awards for IRTS Trophies.

The time is here again for nominations for the several awards for IRTS trophies. When considering your nominations please refer to previous successful nominees as included in www.irts.ie/cgi/awards.cgi

Closing date for nominations is April 2nd 2010

Request for Return of Trophies presented in 2009

It is time once again to recall all trophies presented at the 2009 AGM.

Trophies and cups can be returned to the IRTS stand at the Phoenix Radio Rally, or to any IRTS Committee Member to arrive to Peter EI4HX on or before the IRTS committee meeting in early March 2010. This will allow time for engraving to be done, and also any small repairs.

AREN Voice Net

AREN will be holding a voice net tonight at 19:30. Net participants are requested to generate suitable IARU messages for the exercise.

Also, a reminder to those members who have not moved over the google group yet, to do so.

EchoLink for iPhone

A new app is now available that allows radio amateurs to use the EchoLink system from their iPhone or iPod.

iPhone users can use either a WiFi or 3G (cellular) Internet connection.

Move of GB3VHF beacon

After 50 years at Wrotham, the GB3VHF 144 MHz beacon will be moving to a new site at Fairseat in Kent (JO01EH).

The Ofcom license for the beacon at the new site has already been obtained, so once the antennas at Fairseat are rigged, the beacon will appear on the air shortly afterwards once scheduling and suitable weather are available. We hope to bring further updates on this beacon when available.

Repeater Success GB3CP

Brendan Rooney EI6CS, Keeper of the Sligo Repeater said “thank you for bringing us

together for a very useful evening". His was a typical comment among a strong gathering of 30 radio amateurs and experimenters convened by Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club to thank those who provide Repeaters and encourage greater use of Repeaters. The meeting was in the SHARE centre which is also the venue for the Club's rally on Sunday 11 April.

John McCullagh GI4BWM, Chairman of RSGB's Emerging Technologies Coordinating Committee gave an excellent exposition on the design and building of Repeaters. There followed much sharing of experiences among Keepers, including Billy Pollock GI3NVW Keeper of the West Tyrone Repeater, GB3WT.

More Information, Michael Clarke, MI5MTC, Chairman Lough Erne AARC, Email [mi5mtc /at/ learc.eu](mailto:mi5mtc/at/learc.eu)

Sardinia DXpedition

Members of the F6KOP Team will be active as IS0R from Isola Rossa, Sardinia (EU-024, Loc. JN41ka), between May 7-15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, using 3 stations on HF and 1 station on 6 meters.

They plan to use CW, SSB and RTTY. Each station will be a FT450 with an Acom 1010 using Micro Ham and PC.

Antennas include 6m Yagi Beam, Spider Beam for 30-10m, 4 square for 40m, vertical for 80m (K9AY) and an Inverted L for 160m plus a Beverage.

QSO Route to be arranged

AS-127 St Martin's Island DXpedition postponed

Due to not getting a license and operating permission from the island in time, the S2DX team has had to postpone the IOTA which was scheduled for this week.

The team still hopes to receive permission and a licence to operate however they would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The S2DX team hopes to have permission and documents in order ASAP and will advise if possible the new operational schedule.

Updates will also appear on the Teams Website www.s2dx.org

The Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society e-Library

The Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society (RSARS) has made a number of its technical documents available for download. Included in the collection are a number of very interesting HF antenna designs and related projects.

The files, which are in .PDF format, are available for all to download.

You'll find the collection at: www.rsars.org.uk/ELIBRARY/docsants.htm

SEARG AGM Change of Venue

Attention, the south eastern amateur radio group wishes to inform all radio amateurs and SWL's that there is a change of venue for the AGM this Monday night the 22nd of Feb.

The new venue is the tssg west campus, carriganore, Waterford city and not the Roanmore social center as previously advertised. There is a link containing a map of the new venue can it can be found on the searg web site at (www.searg.com) or alternatively you can call on the south eastern repeater network for directions on the evening.

All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

Limerick Radio Club

The AGM of the Club will be held on Thursday 25th February 2010 at the Limerick Institute of Technology at 7:30 pm. All members of the Club are requested to attend.

The regular monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month (11th February) has been cancelled to facilitate the AGM later in the month.

South Dublin Radio Club

The South Dublin Radio Club annual general meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday 2nd of March.

Classes are still being run every Tuesday evening and

Visitors are always welcome.

Rallies

Please check IRTS website for Rally listings, new listings will be mentioned on the Radio News to facilitate scheduling and travel arrangements

Bangor & District Amateur Radio Society

The BDARS 2010 rally is being held on Saturday 3rd July 2010 at 11:30 AM. This year the Rally is being held in a new location and its also being held on a Saturday. The new location is "Donaghadee community centre".

Postcode is BT21 0HE if you need to use your satnav.

More details(and a map) on the website www.bdars.com

For Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website at www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi

This week in History

1878 Edison patents his Phonograph.

1893 Tesla describes his wireless radiation system.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to "charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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